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ANNUAL REPORTS

—OF THE—

SELECTMEN AND TREASURER

—OF THE—

TOWN OF HOPKINTON

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT OF THE

Superintending School Committee,

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1884.

CONTOOCCOOK, N. H.:

HOPKINTON TIMES JOB PRINT,

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AUDITORS' REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

1st. Wherein they find them chargeable with cash received in sundry ways, as follows :

Cash received for savings bank tax	\$2,836 51
railroad tax	219 71
literary fund	143 82
insurance tax	10 50
county paupers	252 09
state bounty on crows	21 70
town liquor agent	52 70
sale of old plank	7 50
rent of house	12 00
	————— \$3,556 53

Which is accounted for as follows :

Cash paid into the town treasury, as per treasurer's receipts	\$3,556 53
2d. An account wherein they find the selectmen charged with orders drawn on the treasurer, amounting to	\$11,577 25

Which is accounted for as follows :

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Paid School District No. 1.....	\$314 80
2.....	100 00
3.....	122 86
4.....	100 00
5.....	100 00
6.....	112 95
7.....	152 50
8.....	100 00
9.....	100 00
10.....	376 00
11.....	115 00
12	130 00
13.....	122 50
14.....	100 00
16.....	132 40
18.....	18 00
19.....	100 00
20.....	200 56
24.....	80 00
	<hr/> \$2,577 57

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid state tax.....	\$2,604 00
county tax.....	2,929 38
	<hr/> \$5,533 38

SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Assistance rendered Betsey B. Gage	\$57 50
Marion B. Sargent	56 87
John G. Dwinells	63 18
Gould Brown....	7 00
William Crowell..	8 00
Joseph H. Adams	27 37
Geo. B. Corbyn..	32 17
	<hr/> \$252 09

TOWN PAUPERS.

Assistance rendered J. H. Adams	\$10 00	
Gould Brown . . .	14 75	
Mary R. Dearborn	41 91	
Charles E. Clark	18 00	
		<hr/>
		\$84 66

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid H. H. Crowell, list of '78 '79 and '80	\$60 17	
J. L. Taggart, list of '81 and '82	42 90	
L. H. Dearborn, list of '83	71 88	
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		\$174 95

DISTRIBUTION OF DOG TAX.

Paid W. E. Mudgett, six sheep killed	\$18 00
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BOUNTY ON CROWS:

Paid state bounty on 217 crows . . .	\$21 70
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SCHOOL HOUSE TAXES.

Paid Committee for District No. 3	\$ 35 00	
	10	100 00
	20	125 00
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		\$260 00

ROAD MACHINE.

Paid James M. Putnam for working	\$500 00
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REPAIRING HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Asa E. Hook, breaking roads in Dist. No. 18	\$ 1 94
James F. Hoyt, breaking roads in Dists. No. 12 and 32 . .	5 24
S. G. Bradbury, labor on high-	

way Dist. No. 45.....	4 75
W. F. Dodge, breaking roads in Dist. No. 7.....	18 31
H. D. Dustin, labor on high- ways and bridges.....	5 00
S. W. Merrill, breaking roads in Dist. No. 36.....	35 82
P. M. Flanders, breaking roads in Dist. No. 39....	3 16
Jasper M. Hardy breaking roads in Dist. No. 18....	11 17
F. W. Connor, breaking roads in Dist. No. 25.....	28 21
Charles Gould, breaking roads in Dist. No. 30....	23 98
Geo. K. Goodrich, labor on highway in Dist. No. 38..	8 25
Geo. W. Piper, breaking roads in Dist. No. 12....	6 39
Cyrus P. Savory, plank and labor in Dist. No. 28....	4 20
Henry P. Dunbar, breaking roads in Dist. No. 17....	7 47
A. C. Wiggin, breaking roads in Dist. No. 43....	47 45
S. G. Bradbury, repairs on roads in Dist. No. 45....	4 07
F. P. Colby, breaking roads in Dist. No. 50.....	11 01
E. H. Edmunds, breaking roads in Dist. No. 32....	17 75
Charles C. Annis, breaking roads in Dist. No. 19....	8 00
W. T. Greene, labor on high- way in Dist. No. 1.....	11 30

S. S. Buswell, breaking roads in Dist. No. 33....	11 00
Orrin F. Fuller, breaking roads in Dist. No. 26....	18 65
N. Thompson, breaking roads in Dist. No. 15....	10 39
W. S. Straw, breaking roads in Dist. No. 24....	9 64
E. A. Boutwell, breaking roads in Dist. No. 52....	8 00
C. S. Rowell, breaking roads in Dist. No. 21.....	2 30
George K. Weeks, breaking roads in Dist. No. 9.....	17 20
George H. Pierce, snowing bridge on Henniker road	5 00
Henry E. Dow, breaking roads in Dist. No. 11....	8 78
T. O. Harrington, breaking roads in Dist. No. 35....	4 87
John G. Patch, breaking roads in Dist. No. 34....	11 62
C. C. Burnham, breaking roads in Dist. No. 35....	5 20
Walter C. Ager, breaking roads in Dist. No. 27....	10 00
H. C. Dustin, breaking roads in Dist. No. 29....	12 93
Jacob M. Morrill, gravel and labor in Dist. No. 3.....	7 12
Benjamin Clough, lumber for bridge and labor in Dist. No. 51.....	13 47
H. D. Dustin, plank and la- bor on highway and culverts.....	9 00

T. B. Eastman, labor on Contoocook bridge.....	3 25
J. M. Putnam, drawing plank for Contoocook bridge	17 00
Horace Burbank, labor on Contoocook bridge.....	1 88
S. E. Morrill, labor on Con- toocook bridge.....	3 75
F. H. Carr, 5472 feet chest- nut plank for Contoocook bridge	65 66
G. A. Stevens, 7 1-2 days labor on bridges.....	15 00
H. D. Dustin, labor of self and hired man on Con- toocook and other bridges	26 50
J. Quimby, breaking roads in Dist. No. 8.....	10 00
*W. Moulton, J. A. White and A. G. Holmes, break- ing roads in Dist. No. 8..	18 51
Horace Straw, repairing road and building cul- vert in Dist. No. 26....	10 75
C. E. Little, labor on high- way in Dist. No. 27.....	7 00
Isaac Rowell, snowing Row- ell's bridge.....	8 00
T. E. White, breaking roads in Dist. No. 23.....	1 49
S. A. Hardy, breaking roads in Dist. No. 20.....	13 53
J. S. Clough, labor on bridge and highway in Dist. No. 51.....	23 68

Parker Merrill, labor on highway in Dist. No. 35.	1 97	
E. A. Boutwell & Co., plank for bridge in Dist. No. 41	7 45	
Durrill Smart, labor on highway in Dist. No. 41.	6 30	
C. H. Smith, labor on high- way in Dist. No. 53.....	8 64	
J. G. Brockway, breaking roads in Dist. No. 53....	1 72	
	— — — — —	\$680 72

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Ellen A. Elliott, over tax in 1882.....	5 88	
Aaron Smith, board of auditors	3 50	
John F. Jones, services of auditors.....	9 00	
H. W. Greene, services for town, 1882.....	25 00	
J. Stevens Kimball, services as liquor agent.....	75 00	
J. G. Brockway, wood for town house.....	7 50	
J. N. Gorman, chain and staples for hearse.....	1 25	
J. B. Clarke, 650 town re- ports and express.....	30 30	
H. D. Dustin, services as selectman after settle- ment.....	8 50	
G. H. H. Silsby & Son, books and stationary, 1882.....	29 38	

George H. Nichols, oil for Contoocook bridge and lighting	6 50
J. W. Wilson, M. D., return of births and deaths.....	2 25
G. C. Blaisdell, M. D., re- turn of births and deaths	7 50
G. H. Powers, M. D., re- turn of births and deaths	4 00
A. Rogers, M. D., return of births and deaths.....	2 25
L. F. Spofford, notifying town officers.....	20 00
J. G. Brockway, services as selectman after settlement	4 00
G. A. Stevens, services as selectman after settle- ment	8 60
G. A. Stevens, land for tramp house.....	1 50
*G. A. Stevens, repairs on Jane Walker house, so called.....	4 63
L. W. Peabody, M. D., re- turn of birth.....	25
Dr. Wood, return of death.	25
George F. Tilton, painting on town house.....	67 40
H. F. Edmunds, badges for fire wards.....	3 00
H. F. Edmunds, repairing reservoir, Lower Village.	2 00
George F. Tilton, painting and repairs on town house.....	24 00

John A. Fuller, printing juror notices and adver- tising	2 50
C. H. Martin & Co., paint and oil for town house..	68 37
G. A. Curtice, nails and spikes	15 60
C. H. Morrill, error in tax..	1 20
S. E. Morrill, for engine company Syphon.....	68 25
C. E. Little, boards for fence Blackwater cemetery...	9 40
John H. Sargent, damage to buggy in Dist. No. 12...	2 50
J. F. Burnham, over tax on real estate	9 52
J. M. Milton, labor on ceme- tery fence at Blackwater	5 25
George W. Currier, in- terest on Lerner legacy	25 00
Aaron Smith, material and labor on town house.....	6 10
John F. Jones, lamp and filler for Contoocook bridge	6 25
H. C. Dustin, posts and nails for cemetery fence at Blackwater.....	14 00
Frank Eaton, M. D., return of birth.....	25
G. C. Blaisdell, M. D., re- turn of births and deaths	4 00
G. H. Powers, M. D. return of births and deaths.....	2 50
J. W. Wilson, M. D., return	

of births and deaths.....	1 00
A. Rogers, M. D., return of births and deaths.....	2 00
E. B. Dunbar, clearing up cemetery, Lower Village	5 00
T. W. Chase, clearing up cemetery, Contoocook,...	3 50
E. A. Boutwell & Co., 1130 feet three inch plank....	14 69
E. A. Boutwell & Co., 4580 feet four inch plank for Contoocook bridge.....	61 83
John A. Fuller, taking de- positions.....	3 00
L. W. Peabody, M. D., re- turn of birth.....	25
A. P. Chesley, return of birth.....	25
John A. Fuller, stationary and postage.....	2 77
John A. Fuller, attending sale for non-resident taxes and recording.....	1 00
John A. Fuller, drawing and notifying jurors.....	4 36
George A. Libby, services as tramp police.....	2 00
John A. Fuller, return of marriages, births and deaths to Dec. 31, 1883..	15 25
John A. Fuller, return of births, marriages and deaths to March 31, 1883	23 10
J. L. Taggart, balance ad- vertising non-resident lands.....	3 25

H. H. Crowell, taking de- positions	1 00
Kimball & Co., four lights glass for town house....	1 00
J. B. Sanborn, blank books and check lists...	2 00
H. D. Dustin, money paid out and attendance on pauper cases	9 75
L. H. Dearborn, non-resident highway tax paid in labor	1 85
L. H. Dearborn, postage..	2 00
H. C. Dustin, drawing plank for Tyler's bridge	1 50
H. C. Dustin, horse hire..	10 00
Elijah Spencer, maintain- ing watering trough....	3 00
Charles French, maintain- ing watering trough....	3 00
A. C. Sargent, maintaining watering trough	2 00
George W. Currier, taking affidavits in pauper cases	1 00
E. S. Richardson, assistance rendered Cordyn family.	5 50
H. F. Edmunds, expenses as fire ward	1 00
H. F. Edmunds, services as tramp police	1 75
H. D. Dustin, making re- turns and recording in- ventory	9 00
H. C. Dustin, postage and stationary	80

E. S. Richardson, postage and stationary	45	
H. D. Dustin, postage and stationary	2 70	
H. D. Dustin, horse hire,,	15 00	
E. S. Richardson, horse hire	10 00	
J. G. Rowell, freight on lead and oil	1 00	
H. D. Dustin, three journeys to Concord to see Com- missioners	6 00	
H. S. Chase, printing tax bills	1 80	
	<hr/>	\$830 48

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid F. I. Morrill, services as supervisor.....	7 50
E. G. Runnells, services as supervisor.....	7 50
E. A. Boutwell, services as supervisor.....	7 00
John A. Fuller, services as clerk.....	25 60
I. D. Merrill, services as treasurer.....	50 00
L. H. Dearborn, services as collector.....	110 00
E. G. Kimball, services as S. S. committee.....	34 25
Helen Young Bailey, services as S. S. committee.....	30 00
Charles Hardon, services as S. S. committee.....	35 00
Henry D. Dustin, services as selectman.....	138 00
Edward S. Richardson, services as selectman.....	104 45
Herbert C. Dustin, services as selectman.....	95 00

\$643 70

SUMMARY.

Paid School Districts.....	2,577 57
State and county taxes....	5,533 38
Support county paupers..	252 09
School house repairs.....	260 00
Town paupers.....	84 66
Abatement taxes.....	174 95
Bounty on crows.....	21 70
Dog tax.....	18 00
Road machine.....	500 00
Repairing highways and bridges.....	680 72
Miscellaneous bills.....	830 48
Town officers.....	643 70
	—————\$11,577 25

The auditors find the accounts of the selectmen correctly
cast and properly vouched.

LEWIS D. EVANS,
JOSEPH BARNARD,
GEORGE B. HARDY,
Auditors.

HOPKINTON, Feb. 29, 1884.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Bonds outstanding.....	\$8,800 00	
		<hr/> \$8,800 00
Taxes, uncollected lists, 1872-3.....	\$17 80	
“ “ 1874-5.....	49 43	
“ “ 1876-7.....	39 78	
“ “ 1878-9-'80....	101 10	
“ “ 1882.....	9 42	
“ “ 1883.....	900 00	
Cash on hand Feb. 29, 1884.....	1,825 06	
		<hr/> \$2,942 59

Amount of indebtedness..... \$5,857 41

HENRY D. DUSTIN,
EDWARD S. RICHARDSON,
HERBERT C. DUSTIN,

Selectmen of Hopkinton.

HOPKINTON, Feb. 29, 1884.

AUDITORS' REPORT

ON THE

TOWN TREASURER.

Isaac D. Merrill, in account with the town of Hopkinton, as treasurer for the year 1883 :—

1. TAX ACCOUNT.

Resident tax, state, county and school.....	\$10,577 00	
Non-resident tax.....	424 96	
Non-resident highway tax.....	49 74	
Dog tax.....	90 00	
School house tax, Dist. No. 3.....	36 69	
School house tax, Dist. No. 10....	104 65	
School house tax, Dist. No. 20....	129 05	
		—————\$11,412 09
Taxes uncollected 1882-3.....	17 80	
1874-5.....	49 43	
1876-7.....	39 78	
1878-9-80.	193 81	
1881-2.....	775 70	
		—————\$1,076 52
		—————
		\$12,486 61

Accounted for as follows:—

Cash from collector 1878-9-80	92 71	
1881	31 66	
1882	734 62	
1883	10,512 09	
	<hr/>	\$11,371 08
Taxes uncollected 1872-3	17 80	
1874-5	49 43	
1876-7	39 78	
1878-9-80	101 10	
1882	9 42	
1883	906 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,117 53
		<hr/>
		\$12,488 61

LERNED LEGACY ACCOUNT.

Securities on hand, March 1, 1883	500 00	
Interest collected	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$530 00

Accounted for as follows:—

Securities on hand March 1, 1884	500 00	
Interest carried to cash account . .	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$530 00

CASH ACCOUNT.

Cash on hand, as per settlement, March 1, 1883	2,089 78	
Cash received from collector, 1878- 9-80	92 71	
1881	31 66	
1882	734 62	
1883	10,512 09	

highway tax, Dist.	
No. 13	5 00
savings bank tax...	2,836 51
railroad tax.....	219 71
literary fund tax....	143 82
insurance tax.....	10 50
bounty on crows....	21 70
support county pau-	
pers.....	252 09
liquor agency.....	52 70
interest on Larned	
legacy.....	30 00
house rent.....	12 00
sale of old plank....	7 50
interest on taxes	
from J. L. Taggart..	12 00
interest on taxes from	
L. H. Dearborn.....	18 00
	-----\$17,082 39

Accounted for as follows:—

Orders drawn by selectmen.....	11,759 33
Bond coupons paid.....	630 00
Bonds redeemed.....	2,800 00
Interest on bonds redeemed.....	68 00
Cash on hand... ..	1,825 06
	-----\$17,082 39

The auditors certify that they have carefully examined the accounts of the treasurer, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

LEWIS D. EVANS,
JOSEPH BARNARD,
GEORGE B. HARDY,

Auditors.

HOPKINTON, N. H., February 29, 1884.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT No. 1.—(HOPKINTON VILLAGE.)

Teacher, Mrs. H. M. Edmunds. The improvement in this school is more than to be praised; it is to be wondered at. It extends to all classes, the lowest as well as the highest, and has been brought about by an amount of solid, hard work, which must have been a severe tax on the strength of the teacher.

B.

DISTRICT No. 2.—(EMERSON'S HILL.)

Summer term, Miss Lizzie A. Fogg, teacher. A good degree of practical knowledge of the various branches seemed to be acquired, and much readiness was shown in geography and history. Fair but not special progress was made in penmanship.

Fall term, same teacher. Reading classes showed good instruction. The progress in penmanship was more gratifying than in the previous term. The proficiency in geography and in all exercises of the memory was quite marked, though less so in those requiring the employment of the reasoning powers. Careful attention was paid to proper position during the reading and other exercises.

H.

DISTRICT No. 3.—(HATFIELD.)

Miss S. Clara White, teacher for the year. A quiet but earnest teacher, who soon gained the love and respect of her pupils, and retained them to the close of the school. The order was good, and the instruction thorough and practical. This was as near a model school, as could be expected under our present system. K.

DISTRICT No. 4.—(SUGAR HILL.)

Spring term, Mrs. Delia A. Bohonan, teacher. Mrs. B. is too well known as a successful teacher, to need any commendation from us. The scholars seemed to appreciate her labors, and made it a profitable term.

Fall term, Miss Kate J. Kimball, teacher. The school under Miss Kimball's care sustained its former good reputation; and we think the district can feel that its money was well expended. K.

DISTRICT No. 5.—(SOUTH ROAD.)

Summer and winter terms, taught by Bessie A. Barnard of Weare. Miss B. possesses the faculty of governing a school well without much show of authority. The order was good, and the progress in the several branches of study pursued, all that could be expected.

DISTRICT No. 6.—(JEWETT ROAD.)

Both terms taught by Miss Ella A. Tilton; her second year in this school in which she acquitted herself so satisfactorily, as to create an earnest desire on the part of the parents in the district, to secure her further services. Steady, practical work for every day, was the rule; and the results, creditable alike to teacher and pupils. Map-drawing added to the interest in geography. B.

DISTRICT No. 7.—(MAIN ROAD.)

Miss J. Stella Holmes, teacher for the three terms. In spite of interruptions caused by sickness, good progress was made in this school. Noticeable features were the rapid advance of a class of beginners in arithmetic, and the thoroughness of the highest class in all its studies. B.

DISTRICT No. 8.—(BEECH HILL.)

Teacher for the year, Miss Eva Burnham. There has been a degree of zeal and enthusiasm among the pupils of this school, which is very rarely seen; and is as pleasant to look at, as it is valuable as an aid to progress. Oral teaching on general topics, added much to the interest. Such bright children deserve a better school-house. B.

DISTRICT No. 9.—(TYLER'S.)

Miss Mattie B. Kimball, teacher. There was a unity of purpose and action between teacher and pupils in this school, which made it unusually interesting and successful. The pupils were mostly of the more advanced class, and good work was done in arithmetic, algebra, grammar and physical geography. B.

DISTRICT No. 10.—(CONTOOCOOK.)

Miss Clara I. Gould, teacher each term. The repeated engagement of Miss Gould as teacher for this school, and the absence of all complaint shows her acceptableness to the district. She is never severe and is careful not to break the affection of her pupils. The requirements of a school of this size at the present day are great, and we are glad to feel that they have been so fully met in this case. The winter term was closed for a period on account of sickness. H.

DISTRICT No. 11.—(CLEMENT'S HILL.)

Summer term, Miss Maud M. Melvin, teacher. We think Miss Melvin did the best she could, but this being one of our most advanced schools she was too immature, and, from recent illness not sufficiently strong and energetic in body to meet its requirements. The school was also much broken up by measles, and, though we would attach no blame to the teacher, the term seemed to be of little benefit.

Winter term, Frank P. Annis, teacher. The school appeared in every way a very successful and profitable one. The promptness and proficiency shown were gratifying and the introduction of some new general exercises, added much to the interest of the examination. H.

DISTRICT No. 12.—(STUMPFIELD.)

Spring term, Miss Clara Straw, teacher. It is impossible to create much enthusiasm in a school of only three scholars; but we are glad to be able to report a good degree of interest manifested by the three boys in this school. The fall term was taught by Miss ——Whittemore. The school closed unexpectedly on account of the illness of the teacher. Consequently, we have no means of reporting its condition.

Winter term, taught by Miss Kate J. Kimball, with her usual good success. Miss Kimball makes reading a specialty in her schools, and is very successful. In the other studies good progress was made. K.

DISTRICT No. 13.—(PUTNEY'S HILL)

Summer term, Miss Helen Colby, teacher. This district was fortunate in securing the services of Miss Colby as teacher. She is one of our most experienced teachers, and feels at home in the school room. The order was good, and the examination showed that good work had been done by both teacher and scholars.

Winter term, Mr. Frank M. Sargent of Warner, teacher. This was Mr. Sargent's first school. He was well qualified to teach, and fair progress was made in the studies pursued; but the order was not such as to admit of the best results. K.

DISTRICT No. 14.—(GAGE HILL.)

Summer term, Miss Maria P. Connor, teacher. This was Miss Connor's first school. She labored faithfully for the best interests of her scholars, and succeeded well. The scholars were orderly and interested in their studies.

Winter term, Miss Mary L. Flanders, teacher. Great success cannot be expected in a school where a majority of the scholars are absent or tardy, a great part of the time; as they were in this school. Those who were punctual in their attendance learned well. K.

DISTRICT No. 16.—(WEST HOPKINTON.)

Minnie A. Whittemore, teacher both terms. Miss Whittemore is a young teacher, but her school seemed entirely creditable to her. She has a quiet and earnest way and should feel encouraged to acquire that freedom and versatility in teaching which experience alone can add. Scholars in this school ought particularly to be trained in utterance and pronunciation. For this purpose we would recommend this and other schools to have special exercises in the sounds of the letters, instead of the simple reading to which they have been largely accustomed. H.

DISTRICT No. 18.—(BUSWELL'S CORNER.)

One term, Miss Arvilla A. Hardy, teacher. We were able to make but one visit, but this was sufficient to satisfy us that the school would be an eminently satisfactory one. That it proved so was confirmed by answers to inquiries made after the close. Miss Hardy has a natural aptness for the work of the school-room, and this has been advantageously supplemented by training received at the New Hampshire Normal school. H.

DISTRICT No. 19.—(BLACKWATER.)

Miss Helen M. Lowe, teacher both terms. The school was favorably spoken of by those living in the neighborhood, and the scholars showed a willingness to do what was required of them in school. Their efforts in the recitation of pieces were quite commendable, and good selections were made. The scholars were fairly studious, but we could not help feeling that most of them would have borne with advantage a more vigorous leading and discipline. H.

DISTRICT No. 20.—(NORTH CONTOOCOOK.)

Miss H. Paulina Heath, teacher each term. The Committee made visits during the sessions of the school, but did not receive notification so as to be present at any of the closing exercises. The school seemed much attached to the teacher, and good order and discipline were maintained. Interesting historical exercises were introduced apart from text-books. The duties of the school at all times during school hours, received the first attention of the pupils. The last term was cut short on account of the sickness which had been prevalent in the village. H.

DISTRICT No. 24.—(FARRINGTON CORNER.)

Only one term was taught in this school, but there were three teachers. The first left after a few days on account of sickness, and the second for reasons not made known to the Committee. Miss Clara A. Putnam finished the school, and has reason to congratulate herself on her first term as a teacher. Special notice is due to a class in book-keeping, who showed a very neat and accurate set of books, and also to a little pupil who "began at the beginning" and learned to read very nicely during the term. B.

In submitting to you our annual report of the condition of the schools of this town, we are glad to be able to state that, although they have not been all that could be desired, the condition of the most of them has been very satisfactory. With a few exceptions, the teachers have been well qualified, and faithful in the discharge of their duties; and the scholars have shown a disposition to improve opportunities afforded them.

Teachers would confer a favor on the Committee and save much needless trouble, if they would be more careful in filling out their registers. But very few are perfect. Your attention is called to the following list of books, which have been adopted for use in the schools in this town: The Franklin series of readers, Swinton's speller, Wells' grammar, Swinton's geographies, Robinson's shorter course in arithmetic, Higginson's young folks' history, Meservey's book keeping and Duntonion writing book.

Respectfully submitted,

ELBRIDGE G. KIMBALL,

HELEN Y. BAILEY,

CHARLES HARDON,

HOPKINTON, Feb. 25, 1884.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	No. at school during the year.	Amount of school money.	Teachers.	No. of terms.	No. of weeks.	No. of pupils.	Reading.	Spelling.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Algebra.	Other studies.
1	39	\$314.80	H. Marion Edmunds.....	1 9	22	22	22	22	10	15	11	2			2
				2 9	26	26	26	12	20	16	10	2			
2	15	100.00	Lizzie A. Fogg.....	3 12	32	32	32	14	32	16	10	5		3	1
				1 8	14	14	14	8	9	4	3			2	2
				2 9	14	14	14	8	9	5	4			3	3
				1 8	14	14	14	11	12	8	5				
3	19	122.86	S. Clara White.....	2 7	16	16	16	11	12	6	6				
				3 7	17	15	15	10	13	8	3	2			2
4	9	100.00	{ Delia A. Bohonan.....	1 6	8	8	8	5	7	5	3				
			{ Kate J. Kimball.....	2 9	9	9	9	8	9	6	1				
5	17	100.00	Bessie A. Barnard.....	1 8	16	16	16	7	13	6	2	3			1
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